GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Animal Husbandry Department – Dr. C. Atchanna, Deputy Director (AH), Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa – Disciplinary Proceedings – Contemplated - Suspension from Service – Orders – Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEVELOPMENT & FISHERIES (AH.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.59

Dated:15-03-2023
Read the following:-

1. From the Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr.Roc.No.AHF02/74/ 2023/1-VIG SEC-DAH, Dated:11-02-2023.
2. From the Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr.Roc.No.696/VC/G1/2022, Dt:03-03-2023 along with the report dated:28-02-2023 of the Fact Finding Committee.
3. From the Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr.No.696/VC/G1/2022, Dt:09-03-2023, along with the Opinion No.21/2023, Dated:09-03-2023 of the Additional Advocate General, A.P. High Court, Amaravati.
4. From the Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter.Roc.No.696/VC/G1/2022, Dated:13-03-2023.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the letter 1st read above, the Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada has brought to the notice of the Government that certain complaints have been received against Dr.Ch.Atchanna, Deputy Director (AH), Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa, which inter-alia include, he has surrendered some Officers and staff without following the due process of law or CCA Rules and being the Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO), illegally stopped the salaries of some of the subordinate Officers and persistently harassing the subordinate Officers for petty reasons and deleted the Office location in APFRS app of all the staff (except him) working in the O/o Deputy Director (AH), VPC, Kadapa, thereby causing difficulty in marking the attendance etc. Hence, Director of Animal Husbandry has constituted a Three Member Fact Finding Committee to enquire on 9 Terms of Reference (ToR) and submit a report.

2. The Fact Finding Committee in its report dated:28-02-2023 has reported their findings on the 9 Terms of Reference (ToR). A few of them are as follows:-

(i) that Dr. Ch. Atchanna, Deputy Director (AH), Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa has surrendered the staff members working in Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa. Inspite of the instructions from the Competent Authority i.e, Director of Animal Husbandry, he has not admitted the staff members.

(ii) Being the Drawing & Disbursing Officer (DDO), he has not drawn the salaries of Dr.S.Subhash Chandra Bose (for the months of December,2022 & January, 2023) and Dr. S. Sudheernath Benerji, Assistant Director (AH), VPC, Kadapa (for the months of October, 2022 & November, 2022).

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(iii) Deputy Director (AH), VPC, Kadapa is not competent to delete the office location of 5 staff members in APFRS app.

(iv) The main gate has been closed on 06.02.2023 which has caused obstruction for movement of staff of ADDL, O/o DAHO and VPC thereby prevented the staff in discharge of their duties.

(v) As per the paper clippings published on 13.02.2023 in certain newspapers, Dr.C. Atchanna, DD(AH), VPC, Kadapa has released the press note against the Government, which is violation of the Conduct Rules.

3. Whereas, the Director of Animal Husbandry in the reference 4th read above, has reported that even though Dr. C. Atchanna, Deputy Director(AH), Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa is not the competent authority, he has surrendered (5) staff members working in Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa viz., (i) Dr.S. Subhash Chandra Bose, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, (ii) Dr.S. Sudheer Nath Benerji, Assistant Director (AH), (iii) Dr.Sreedhar Linga Reddy, Assistant Director (AH), (iv) Smt. K. Nagalakshmi, Office Subordinate and (v) Sri G.V. Ramesh Babu, Hospital Attendant. After repeated instructions by the competent authority, i.e., Director of Animal Husbandry, Dr. C. Atchanna, Deputy Director(AH), Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa has admitted Sri G.V. Ramesh Babu, Hospital Attendant on 02-03-2023 and Smt. K. Nagalakshmi, Office Subordinate on 03-03-2023, but refused to admit the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon and the two Assistant Directors (AH), thereby severely paralyzing the delivery of Veterinary Healthcare Services at the Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa. Because of this, the salaries of the following staff for the months mentioned below have not been drawn till today, thus causing severe monetary loss and mental agony to them:-

(i) Dr. S. Subhash Chandra Bose, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon – December, 2022, January, 2023 & February, 2023.

(ii) Dr.S. Sudheer Nath Benerji, Assistant Director (AH) – 12 days in the month of September, 2022, October, 2022, November, 2022 & February, 2023.

(iii) Dr.Sreedhar Linga Reddy, Assistant Director (AH) – February, 2023.

(iv) Smt Nagalakshmi, Office Subordinate – February, 2023.

(v) Sri G.V. Ramesh Babu, Hospital Attendant – February, 2023.

4. Whereas, the Director of Animal Husbandry has also reported that the District Collector, Kadapa vide letter A1/2497/2022, dated:03-10-2022 has surrendered Dr.Ch.Atchanna, Deputy Director (AH), VPC, Kadapa, due to his misconduct and requested the Director of Animal Husbandry to take disciplinary action against him and also to post a suitable Officer as Deputy Director (AH), Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa. Dr.Ch.Atchanna, Deputy Director(AH) has filed W.P.No.36477/2022 and as per the interim orders dated: 10-11-2022 of the Hon'ble High Court, his earlier position was restored, pending final orders of the High Court.

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Since the legal issues are involved, the opinion of the Additional Advocate General, A.P., Court, Amaravati has been sought and he inter-alia opined that "*the said interim order only in respect of his surrender to the HOD of Animal Husbandry Department and it does not preclude the competent authority to invoke the provisions of Rule 3 of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and Rule 8 of A.P.C.S. (C.C. & A) Rule, 1991*".

5. And whereas, the appointing authority after careful examination of all the material papers / documents submitted by the Director of Animal Husbandry and having due regard to the circumstances of the case, are satisfied to initiate disciplinary action against Dr. C. Atchanna, Deputy Director(AH), Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa.

6. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (i) of rule (8) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, the appointing authority hereby place Dr. C. Atchanna, Deputy Director (AH), Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa under suspension with immediate effect, until further orders.

7. And whereas, the appointing authority hereby order that during the period this order remain in force against Dr. C. Atchanna, Deputy Director (AH), Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa shall not leave the headquarters without obtaining the prior permission from the competent authority.

8. During the suspension period, he shall be entitled for payment of subsistence allowances as per FR 53.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Dr. C. Atchanna, Deputy Director(AH), Veterinary Polyclinic, Kadapa (through the Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada)
The Director of Animal Husbandry, A.P., Vijayawada.
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P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government, AHDD&F Department.
The Collector & District Magistrate, YSR Kadapa District.
The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Pay & Accounts Officer, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The District Treasury Officer, YSR Kadapa.
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SECTION OFFICER